

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor," a "documentary" (read, "politically-motivated disinformation movie") that clearly is meant to give people doubts about the unquestionable heroism of veteran John Kerry just days before the 2004 presidential election, is a perfect example of the dangers of media consolidation. The owner of Sinclair Broadcasting has made no secret of his political beliefs--he is undeniably using his television empire to propagate a political smear campaign against Kerry.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This kind of biased programming does nothing to serve the public interest.

I am a regular citizen, I do not know all the laws regarding use of the public airwaves, but it seems to me that this kind of abuse of the public trust should be illegal. If it is not, then the laws need to be changed. Television networks must be held accountable for their programming, and they should not be allowed to continue to use the airwaves if they do not uphold standards of fairness. If Sinclair does broadcast this political propaganda, I demand that you do not renew its license to broadcast.

Thank you for your consideration.

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